

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners
May 21, 2015
1101 Oberlin Road
Raleigh, NC 27605

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Miley (Bucky) Glover, CPA, President (via phone); Michael H. Womble, CPA, Vice President; Wm. Hunter Cook, CPA, Secretary-Treasurer; Tawannah G. Allen, Ed.D; Murchison (Bo) Biggs, CPA; George W. Rohe, CPA; and Jeffrey J. Truitt, Esq.

STAFF ATTENDING: Robert N. Brooks, Executive Director; David R. Nance, CPA, Deputy Director; Frank Trainor, Esq., Staff Attorney; Lisa R. Hearne, Communications Manager; Jean Marie Small, Professional Standards Specialist; Buck Winslow, Licensing Manager; and Noel L. Allen, Legal Counsel.

GUESTS: James T. Ahler, CEO, NCACPA; Sharon Bryson, COO, NCACPA; Shawanda Karkouki, CPA, NCACPA; Amanda Davis, Manager of Infrastructure and Design, NCACPA; Suzanne Jolicoeur, Senior Manager, State Regulation & Legislation, AICPA and T.M. Goodman, Raleigh Police Department.

CALL TO ORDER: Vice President Womble called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the April 21, 2015, meeting were approved as submitted.

FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY ITEMS: The April 2015 financial statements were accepted as submitted.

Mr. Nance presented the proposed 2015-2016 budget that was reviewed and discussed by the Board members. Mr. Cook and Dr. Allen moved to approve the proposed budget as presented (Appendix I). Motion passed.

LEGISLATIVE AND RULE-MAKING ITEMS: The Board members reviewed and discussed the draft rules for re-adoption, adoption, and amendment. Vice President Womble asked the Executive Staff to make changes as discussed and to place all the rules, including the rules with changes, on the agenda for the June 22, 2015, meeting for further discussion.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ITEMS: The Executive Staff reminded the Board members about the upcoming NASBA Eastern Regional Meeting in Baltimore, MD, in June.

STATE AND LOCAL ORGANIZATION ITEMS: President Glover commented on his attendance with the Executive Staff and Staff Attorney at the First Annual Occupational Licensing Agencies Best Practices Seminar held in Raleigh, NC, on May 5, 2015.

Mr. Ahler extended an invitation to the Board members to attend the annual NCACPA CPA Inauguration in Greensboro, NC, on June 23, 2015.

REPORT OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE: Mr. Cook moved and the Board approved the following recommendations of the Committee:

Case No. C2014324-1 and Case No. C2014324-2 - James Michael Teal - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix II).

Case No. C2012380 - Anderson, Smith, & Wike, PLLC - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix III).

Case No. C2015029 - John Stepowoy, Jr. - Approved the signed Notice of Apparent Violation and Agreement to Cease and Desist (Appendix IV).

Case No. C201031 - Michael Schierbeek - Approved the signed Notice of Apparent Violation and Agreement to Cease and Desist (Appendix V).

Case No. UT2015026 - Edmund Placzowski - Approved the signed Notice of Apparent Violation and Agreement to Cease and Desist (Appendix VI).

Case No. C2015141 - Etim Udoh - Approve a Notice of Hearing for September 21, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

Case No. C2014037 - Close the case without prejudice.

Case No. C2014197 - Close the case without prejudice.

Case No. C2014210 - Close the case without prejudice.

REPORT OF THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE: Dr. Allen moved and the Board approved the following recommendations of the Committee:

Transfer of Grades Applications - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following:

Stacy Ann Cowan

Original Certificate Applications - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following:

Ahmad Basil Al-Taher
Michael William Badger
Philip Tyler Barr
Somer Lynette Batres
Paul Arnold Burks
Stacy Ann Cowan
Matthew James Cronmiller
Michael Andrew Dempsey
Frank Howard Driscoll
Antoinyce Evangeline Eaton
Tiffany Nicole Eldreth
Matilda Parnie Fahnbulleh
Michael Scott Fillmer
Sarah Katherine Forman
Margaret Shea Helton
Alex James Jandrisevits
James Paul Kelly
Kate Elizabeth Klinger
Katherine Ann Lash
Jessica Yarboro Lea

Hailey Katherine Majors
Ranu Uday Manik
Allen Lee Mauldin
Robert Bryson McPherson
Andrew Scott Mense
Lawrence Anderson Moye, III
Daniel Clifford Myers
Chrysanthos Vasilios Nikopoulos
Stephen Michael Parker
Leah Marie Puening
Tracy Dawn Rumfelt
Kathryn Renee Schafer
Jared Anson Sink
Zachary John Thurmes
Gina Lee Tong
Kelsey Michael Vaughn
Colin Eugene Wach
Tiffany Danielle Wright
Joseph Harand Young

Staff reviewed and recommended approval of the original application submitted by Daniel Davis Carter. Mr. Carter failed to disclose pertinent information with his exam application, but provided it with his certificate application. Staff recommended approval of the application with a one-year probationary period. The Committee recommended that the Board approve staff recommendation.

Reciprocal Certificate Applications - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following:

Stephen James Blair
Roy E. Davis, Jr.
Lisa Gaetano
John Kenneth Hodge
Kristin Ann Kakidas
Brian Michael McGrath

Kati L. Mossbrook
Dane Jaynitsa Paul
Joseph Richard Pavone
Avril Ruth Tanner
Kalgı Hardik Trivedi

Temporary Permits - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following temporary permits that were approved by the Executive Director:

Robert Edward Bertucelli, T8455
William Howard Schieffer, T8456
Sara Faye Thorndike, T8457
Gregory Alan Winkler, T8458
Anne Marie T. Cormier, T8459
John Travis Hardee, T8460
Gary Lee Hunneyman, T8461
James Joseph Kmetz, T8462
Carolyn Sue Zimmerman, T8463
Daniel Wade Hoehn, T8464
Martha Fedora Moreno, T8465
Eriks Schuyler Augenbergs, T8466
Stefanie Dyan Bingaman, T8467
Victoria Jane Hansen, T8468
Liane Marie Barber, T8469
Wendy Lynn Kim, T8470
Tyler Gregory Owens, T8471
Michael Thomas Avara, T8472
Krishna Kumar Challagolla, T8473

Thomas Joseph McConnell, T8474
Bonnie Bowen Zades, T8475
Derek Ross Smith, T8476
Mary Josephine DiRosa, T8477
Philip Blake Boozer, T8478
Theunis Gerhardus Smit, T8479
Terrence Anthony Zielinski, T8480
Yukari Sreca, T8481
Jared Scott Eliseo, T8482
Robert Henry Silvers, T8544
Robin Sherry Baakel, T8545
Joon Hwan Byun, T8546
Charles Robert Vignos, T8547
Lawrence Matthew Iwanski, T8548
Britta Ashley Wakefield, T8549
Julanne Adenah Moses, T8550
Gregory Thomas Walter, T8551
Justin Lee Humphrey, T8552

Reinstatements - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following applications for reinstatement:

Lee F. Fritts, #29418

Robert Dale Hudson, #15479

Reissuance of New Certificate - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following applications for reissuance of new certificate:

Christina Kotos Griffith, #30438
Melissa H. Israel, #29125

Lauren Carse Reid, #34848

Extension Requests - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following individuals for extension for completion of CPE until the dates noted:

Robert Lee Underwood, II, I #7833
Valana Gaymon Woodson, #35041

January 31, 2015
June 30, 2015

Letter of Warning - Staff has reviewed and recommended approval of the request to rescind the letter of warning awarded to Terri Spears Carey, #27114. The Committee recommended that the Board approve staff recommendation.

Examinations –The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following staff-approved applicants to sit for the Uniform CPA Examination:

Jeremiah Akinsola
Omar Alsaïdi
Kristen Alston
Evan Andert
Pia Andree
Anna Auslander
Catherine Ayers
Gregory Badgett
Shahin Bahadori
Nicholas Baldelli
Timothy Baynes
Kurt Beal
Stephen Belch
Ryan Berger
Travis Blackmon
Brooklyn Bowers
David Boyles
Stanley Bradford
Jackelyn Branco
Phillip Braverman
Michael Braxton
Barry Brown
Cody Brown
Jeremy Brown
Desmona Brown-Cayruth
Joshua Bryant
Benjamin Buckner
Andrew Cafarella
Ryan Caiazzo
Rowena Carney
Wendy Cheek
Tracey Clements
Sarah Collins
Jane Cone
Nicola Cook
Zachary Cope
Hallie Corday
Margaret Correll
Ashley Cowing
Chelsea Cunningham

Mary Dameron
Zachary Daniels
Lauren Daughtry
Winston Davenport
Casey Davis
Lillian Davis
Jason Dearman
Michael DeCarlo
Adam Dedie
Bret Denning
Terresa Dent
Simona Dobson
Kolby Dougherty
Stephen Duncan
Martin Durrence
Michael Eckert
Taylor Edge
Sarah Edwards
Nancy Elliott
Anna Elzey
Matthew Embler
Senol Evren
Amanda Fair
Rida Fatima
Madelyn Fink
Mary Fischer
Bradley Fleck
Andres Florido Perdomo
Sue Francis
George Freeman
James Gambill
Michael Gannon
Ryan Garner
Richard Garrett
Tarynn Garrett
Kathryn Gentle
Dustin Gill
Carissa Goins
Davi Goncalves
Will Goodwin

Mihaela Gorciu
Kyle Grella
Karrie Grigg
Bradley Hamby
Jessica Hampton
Tanikya Harmon
Saquoya Harper
Benjamin Harrington-Smith
Stephen Hathcock
Heather Hayes
Insoo Hendricks
Maria Hernandez Gomez
Daniel Hollis
Chimira Holyfield
Haley Horton
Brendan Hoyer
Mary Hunter
Rebecca Hurst
Michael Irvin
Heather Jackson
Lisa Johansen
Ashleigh Joines
Sterling Journigan
Timothy Kay
Jonathan Keller
Sean Kennedy
Emily Kentfield
Jeramee Kerl
Laura Kessler
Cameron King
Morgan Kirby
Kyle Kleber
Ryan Kline
Alexander Kneisel
David Knight
Evan Kropp
Guy Kubi
Cameron Landreth
Keith Lane
Martha Lauf
Crandall Lea
Ryan Leach
Thomas Lewis

Jing Li
Erin Lieder
Sandy Lill
Christian Lincoln
Christopher Lovitt
Travis Lowman
Phuong Luu
Colby Lynch
Kent Mackman
Ryan Magee
Bridgette Marsh
Jacob Mattern
Emily Maurer
Courtney Mayes
Jill McCallister
Lee McCollum
Matthew McDowell
Kristi McGaha
Kristen McLamb
Joshua McLaughlin
Andrew McMillan
Sarah McMillan
Crystal McNair
Corey Meche
Sandy Melo
Amber Metts
Lindsey Miller
Gary Moczulski
Rubin Moise
Cori Moore
Elizabeth Moy
Jillian Mueller
Jennifer Mull
Donna Multerer
Rosemary Murphey
Jasmyn Nicholas
Farah Noameshie
James Nobles
Ryan O'Callaghan
William O'Donnell
John Odom
Maxwell Ofori
Adaora Okonkwo

Matthew Oliver
Solomon Osei Bonsu
Jordan Overcash
John Parker
Taylor Parks
Meredith Paul
Tonette Peace
Miesha Perry
Lynda Peterson
Jacqueline Petrone
Taylor Pittman
Diani Popoca
Tyler Powell
Marquis Pullen
Sheridan Ramsey
Andrew Rector
Melissa Reeger
Scott Reithmiller
Emily Reynolds
Michael Ricciarelli
Nora Richmond
Scott Riddle
Lauren Riley
Joshua Ringgold
Fred Robinson
Nicole Rocco
Dredlin Rodriguez-Ramos
Andrew Roe
Alzebeth Roman
Juan Rosas Campos
Ronald Rubin
Ernesto Sanchez
Meghan Seifert
Vanessa Seiglie
Meiling Shih
Dakota Shoe
Jordan Shuping
Carlee Simon
Raven Simon
Karine Simonyants
Stephen Skidmore
Katherine Skinner
Alfred Smith

Colby Smith
Riley Smith
Erika Sonberg
Neil Spence
Erin Spencer
Charles Sprouse
Dylan Squire
Stacey Stafford
Charles Steffenella
Maren Stephenson
Zackariah Stewart
Courtney Struble
Andrew Sudran
Daniel Sullivan
Jennifer Sullivan
Kayla Sykes
Tara Talbert
Mariah Taylor
Stephanie Taylor
Briel Teague
Kara Tedder
Genessa Tetterton
Palak Thakore
Clinton Thomas
Jeremy Tillett
Jennifer Tindal
Margaret Trask
Jeffrey Turner
Onur Uman
Kenneth VanSparrentak
Donnetta Visocky
Richard Wagner
Stephanie Walsh
Crystal Watson-Abbott
Timothy Weston
Shauna Whitener
Taylor Wilk
Jessica Wilkinson
Katherine Williams
Tyler Williams
Maris Winters
Donald Woodard
Kristi Woolard

Ellen Workman
Ashley Wybersky

Rhonda Young
Michael Zeblo

Staff recommended that the Committee determine and accept the grades received for the January-February 2015 exams. Twenty-five files with grade reports were haphazardly selected and available at the meeting for review by a Board member. The Committee recommended that the Board approve staff recommendation.

Staff requested Committee guidance regarding a hypothetical exam application. The Committee recommended that the Board approve the application.

Rescind Form of Practice Statements -Steven Studebaker, #15224 signed a Form of Practice Statement due to his employment. However, due to a rule change, staff recommended that the statement be rescinded. The Committee recommended that the Board approve staff recommendation.

Miscellaneous - The Committee reviewed the Board Scholarship and Exam Voucher Program Review and recommendations made by the Executive Staff. The Committee provided comments and suggestions to the Executive Staff and asked them to bring the document back for review again at the June Committee and Board meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING: Vice President Womble called the Public Hearing to order to hear Case No. C2013162 and Case No. C2013184 - Debra Hill Bedford. Ms. Bedford was not present at the Hearing nor was she represented by counsel. Buck Winslow, Manager of Licensing, and David R. Nance, CPA, Deputy Director were sworn in and presented testimony. Mr. Truitt and Dr. Allen moved to enter Closed Session to discuss the case without Executive Staff or Staff Attorney present, but with Legal Counsel present. Motion passed. The Board re-entered the Hearing and Messrs. Truitt and Cook moved to approve a Board Order (Appendix VII) permanently revoking the North Carolina CPA certificate issued to Debra Hill Bedford. Motion passed with seven (7) affirmative and zero (0) negative votes. The entire Public Hearing is a matter of public record.

ADJOURNMENT: Messrs. Womble and Cook moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:25 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Attested to by:



Robert N. Brooks
Executive Director



Michael H. Womble, CPA
Vice President

***North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners
2015-2016 Approved Budget***

<u>Operating Budget</u>	<i>Prior Year Budget 2014-2015</i>	<i>Prior Year Actual 2014-2015</i>	<i>Approved Budget 2015-2016</i>	Ref
Revenues	\$ 2,731,395	\$ 2,856,015	\$ 2,797,364	A
Expenses:				
Personnel	1,290,674	1,243,439	1,285,576	B
Board & Legal	123,495	103,605	139,822	C
Office	329,300	326,420	340,000	D
Examination	926,400	978,701	1,001,400	E
Scholarship	11,000	12,000	11,000	
Building	51,050	41,991	39,500	F
Leasing Commission	0	1,236	0	
Miscellaneous	0	0	35,000	
Bad Debt Expense	0	1,000	0	
Over & Short	0	0	0	
Total	2,731,919	2,708,392	2,852,298	
Estimated Change in Net Assets (Before Depreciation)	\$ (524)	\$ 147,623	\$ (54,934)	
<u>Capital Budget</u>				
Hardware	\$ 10,000	\$ 14,078	\$ 23,750	
Software	7,500	0	7,500	
Total	\$ 17,500	\$ 14,078	\$ 31,250	
Total Proposed Budget	\$ 2,749,419	\$ 2,722,470	\$ 2,883,548	

North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners
Approved Revenue Budget

	<i>Prior Year Budget 2014-2015</i>		<i>Prior Year Actual 2014-2015</i>		<i>Approved Budget 2015-2016</i>	
Examination Fees						
Initial Admin Fees	\$	198,950	\$	228,160	\$	224,250
Re-Exam Fees		154,500		157,875		157,500
Exam Fees Revenue		1,000,000		1,075,493		1,050,000
Exam Coupon		(41,240)		(26,854)		(41,240)
Exam Review Fees		0		900		0
Equivalency Exam Fees		0		0		0
Grade Transfer Fees		0		150		0
Total Exam Fees		1,312,210		1,435,724		1,390,510
Certificate Fees						
Initial		60,000 (600/100)		61,225 (612/100)		60,000 (600/100)
Reciprocal		27,500 (275/100)		31,100 (311/100)		30,000 (300/100)
Renewals		1,187,040 (19784/60)		1,178,520 (19642/60)		1,183,500 (19725/60)
Reinstatements		12,500 (125/100)		8,500 (85/100)		10,000 (100/100)
Total Certificate Fees		1,287,040		1,279,345		1,283,500
Firm Registrations						
Partnership Renewal		36,500		38,660		36,500
PC Initial		4,500		4,700		4,500
PC Renewal		34,500		37,445		35,000
Partnership Registration		0		120		0
Total Firm Registrations		75,500		80,925		76,000
Miscellaneous Income		1,500		1,706		1,500
Rental Income		32,145		32,146		21,854
Gain on Fixed Assets		0		50		0
Interest		16,000		15,477		16,000
Gift Cards		7,000		10,642		8,000
Other		0		0		0
Total Revenues	\$	2,731,395	\$	2,856,015	\$	2,797,364

North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners
Approved Personnel Expense Budget

	<i>Prior Year Budget</i>	<i>Prior Year Actual</i>	<i>Approved Budget</i>	Ref
	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	
Full Time Staff	\$ 905,298	\$ 918,389	\$ 907,841	
Part Time Staff	18,270	13,729	18,123	
Taxes - FICA	70,653	68,258	70,836	
Taxes - State Unemployment	2,782	2,735	2,800	
Retirement Contributions	54,318	54,713	54,470	
Retirement - NCLB Admin Fee	2,000	1,293	2,000	
Insurance - Health	177,000	143,220	177,000	
Staff CPE	6,000	3,227	4,000	
Staff Travel	49,853	34,821	44,005	B1
Miscellaneous	<u>4,500</u>	<u>3,054</u>	<u>4,500</u>	
Total Personnel Expense	<u>\$ 1,290,674</u>	<u>\$ 1,243,439</u>	<u>\$ 1,285,576</u>	

North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners
Approved Staff Meeting Expense Budget

								<i>Approved Budget 2015-2016</i>	
	<u>Mtgs</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Rate</u>					
				<u>Air</u>	<u>Reg</u>	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Meal</u>		
NASBA Meetings									
Annual	1	3	4	599	750	288	50	\$	8,103
Regional	1	3	3	220	695	230	50		5,265
Executive Director/Legal	1	9	4	378	695	255	50		20,637
Other Meetings									
Professional									10,000
Total Staff Meeting Expense								\$	44,005

North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners
Approved Board & Legal Expense Budget

	<i>Prior Year Budget</i>	<i>Prior Year Actual</i>	<i>Approved Budget</i>	
<u>Board Expense</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>Ref</u>
Board Travel	\$ 53,695	\$ 46,817	\$ 56,522	C1
Per Diem	26,300	14,650	26,300	C1
Clerical Reimbursement	0	0	0	
Total Board Expense	<u>\$ 79,995</u>	<u>\$ 61,467</u>	<u>\$ 82,822</u>	
<u>Legal Expense</u>				
Legal Counsel Fees - Admin	\$ 24,000	\$ 30,046	\$ 30,000	
Legal Counsel Fees - Prof Standards	12,000	0	12,000	
Legal Counsel Fees - Litigation	2,500	12,060	10,000	
Investigation Cost	10,000	13,661	10,000	
Hearing Cost	5,000	4,110	5,000	
Reimbursements - Net	(10,000)	(17,740)	(10,000)	
Total Legal Expense	<u>\$ 43,500</u>	<u>\$ 42,138</u>	<u>\$ 57,000</u>	
Total Board and Legal Expense	<u>\$ 123,495</u>	<u>\$ 103,605</u>	<u>\$ 139,822</u>	

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Approved Board Travel & Per Diem Expense Budget***

					<i>Approved Budget 2015-2016</i>
<u>Board Travel</u>					
	<u>Mtgs</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
Regular Board Meetings					
Hotel	12	5	1	150	\$ 9,000
Meals	12	5	1	40	2,400
Travel	12	5	1		11,640
					<u>23,040</u>
NASBA Annual Meeting					
Hotel	1	7	4	288	8,064
Meals	1	7	4	50	1,400
Travel	1	7	1	599	4,193
Registration	1	7	1	750	5,250
					<u>18,907</u>
NASBA Regional Meeting					
Hotel	1	5	3	230	3,450
Meals	1	5	3	50	750
Travel	1	5	1	220	1,100
Registration	1	5	1	695	3,475
					<u>8,775</u>
AICPA Council Meetings					
Hotel	2	2	3	300	3,600
Meals	2	2	3	50	600
Travel	2	2	1	400	1,600
					<u>5,800</u>
Total Board Meeting Expense					<u>\$ 56,522</u>
<u>Board Per Diem</u>					
Regular Meeting	12	7	2	100	\$ 16,800
Professional Meetings				100	4,000
NASBA					
Annual Meeting	1	7	5	100	3,500
Regional Meeting	1	5	4	100	2,000
Total Board Per Diem Expense					<u>\$ 26,300</u>

North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners
Approved Office Expense Budget

	<i>Prior Year Budget</i>	<i>Prior Year Actual</i>	<i>Approved Budget</i>
	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
Office Decorations	\$ 175	\$ 253	\$ 250
Equipment Rental	1,200	467	1,000
Printing	60,000	63,359	60,000
Postage	90,000	96,739	100,000
Supplies	10,250	13,324	12,000
Telephone	7,000	7,432	7,500
Internet & Website	4,200	3,992	7,620
Subscriptions	2,000	4,401	4,400
Repairs & Maintenance	7,500	4,326	6,000
Clipping Service	4,500	3,485	4,000
Computer Software Maintenance	50,000	42,326	45,000
Computer Software	5,000	3,160	5,000
Dues	8,200	8,110	8,200
Insurance	16,200	14,773	15,600
Miscellaneous	3,500	1,286	3,500
Audit Fees	8,475	8,475	8,730
Credit Card Fees	45,000	45,376	45,000
Banking Fees	3,200	3,155	3,200
Payroll Service	1,900	1,980	2,000
Consulting Fees	1,000	0	1,000
Total Office Expense	<u>\$ 329,300</u>	<u>\$ 326,420</u>	<u>\$ 340,000</u>

North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners
Approved Examination Expense Budget

	<i>Prior Year Budget</i> 2014-2015	<i>Prior Year Actual</i> 2014-2015	<i>Approved Budget</i> 2015-2016
Exam Sitting & Grading	\$ 925,000	\$ 977,226	\$ 1,000,000
Exam Postage	1,400	1,475	1,400
Total Examination Expense	\$ 926,400	\$ 978,701	\$ 1,001,400

North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners
Approved Building Expense Budget

	<i>Prior Year Budget</i>	<i>Prior Year Actual</i>	<i>Approved Budget</i>
	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
Building Maintenance	\$ 9,250	\$ 8,510	\$ 1,000
Electricity	12,000	11,392	12,000
Grounds Maintenance	6,000	1,939	3,000
Heat & Air Maintenance	8,500	6,381	7,000
Improvements	1,000	515	2,000
Insurance	4,500	3,983	4,500
Janitorial Maintenance	6,000	5,727	6,000
Trash Collection	0	228	200
Water & Sewer	1,100	992	1,100
Security	2,500	2,199	2,500
Pest Control	200	125	200
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Building Expense	<u>\$ 51,050</u>	<u>\$ 41,991</u>	<u>\$ 39,500</u>

NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS
CASE #: C2014324-2

IN THE MATTER OF:
James Michael Teal,
Respondent

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board and Respondent stipulate to the following:

1. James Michael Teal (hereinafter "Respondent firm"), is a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina.
2. Respondent firm received a "fail" on its most recent system peer review, with an acceptance letter date of August 26, 2014.
3. The peer review report noted a material departure from Generally Accepted Auditing Standards ("GAAS") by Respondent firm, including a failure to locate some of the required audit documentation.
4. Respondent firm wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board *ex parte*, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. Respondent firm understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

1. Respondent firm is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
2. Respondent firm's failure to perform attest and assurance services in accordance to standards constitutes a violation of the Statements on Auditing Standards in violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0403 and .0212.
3. By virtue of Respondent firm's consent to this order, Respondent firm is subject to the discipline set forth below.

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BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and Respondent firm agree to the following Order:

1. Respondent firm is censured.
2. Respondent firm shall provide a written statement to the Board that it will no longer be participating in, performing, or reviewing any audit engagements.
3. Prior to Respondent firm participating in, performing, or reviewing any audits, Respondent firm shall be required to complete the following:
 - a. Respondent firm shall provide notification to the Board of Respondent firm's intention to enter into audit engagements;
 - b. Each of Respondent firm's professional staff participating in engagements subject to peer review shall complete eight (8) hours of group-study CPE coursework related to Audit Documentation as part of their annual CPE requirements until such time as Respondent firm receives a pass on a system peer review; and
 - c. Pre-issuance reviews, to be performed by a pre-issuance reviewer approved by the Board, for all audit engagements until a determination is made by the Board that pre-issuance review is no longer necessary.

CONSENTED TO THIS THE 21st DAY OF April, 2015

James Michael Teal, CPA
Individual authorized to sign on behalf of Respondent Firm

APPROVED BY THE BOARD THIS THE 21 DAY OF MAY, 2015
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED
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BY: Wiley W. Jover
President

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NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS
CASE #: C2012380

IN THE MATTER OF:
Anderson Smith & Wike, PLLC,
Respondent Firm

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board and Respondent stipulate to the following:

1. Anderson Smith & Wike, PLLC (hereinafter "Respondent firm"), is a registered certified public accounting firm in North Carolina.
2. Respondent firm was selected for a review of their governmental audit quality and compliance engagements to ensure that all work was performed in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards ("GAGAS") and OMB Circular A-133.
3. The audit report reviews noted departures from GAGAS by Respondent firm, including potential workpaper deficiencies for audits performed by the Respondent Firm.
4. Respondent firm wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board *ex parte*, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. Respondent firm understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

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BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

1. Respondent firm is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
2. Respondent firm's failure to perform audit engagements in accordance with all applicable standards constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0403 and .0409.
3. By virtue of Respondent firm's consent to this order, Respondent firm is subject to the following.

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and Respondent firm agree to the following Order:

1. Each of Respondent firm's professional staff participating in performing audit services shall take a minimum of four (4) hours of continuing professional education ("CPE") in the subject area of Audit Sampling and also a minimum of four (4) hours of CPE regarding the Performance of Single Audits. The CPE must be completed prior to June 30, 2015. The aforementioned CPE may be counted towards their annual required forty (40) hours of CPE. Respondent Firm shall provide evidence to the Board of completion of this requirement; and
2. Each partner who had an audit selected by the Board for review shall obtain a pre-issuance review for one single audit engagement. The review shall be for an audit period ending June 30, 2015. The single audit engagements to be reviewed, as well as the pre-issuance reviewer(s) selected to perform the reviews, shall be mutually agreed upon by the firm and Board staff. The results of the pre-issuance reviews will be provided to the Board by Respondent Firm. If the results of the pre-issuance reviews are not satisfactory to the Board, it may require additional pre-issuance reviews to be performed on future engagements.

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Anderson Smith & Wike, PLLC

CONSENTED TO THIS THE 20th DAY OF April, 2015.
Kenneth R. Crallum
Individual authorized to sign on behalf of Respondent Firm

APPROVED BY THE BOARD THIS THE 21 DAY OF MAY,
2015 NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED
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BY: Miley W. John
President

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THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC
ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:

John Stepowoy, Jr.

Respondent File #C2015029

NOTICE OF APPARENT VIOLATION &
AGREEMENT TO CEASE AND DESIST

TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT:

WHEREAS, the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners ("Board") is authorized by N. C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12 (16) to enforce the provisions of the North Carolina Certified Public Accountant Act ("Act") through actions for injunctive relief regarding "a single violation" of this Chapter; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 93-1, "A 'certified public accountant' is a person who holds a certificate as a certified public accountant issued to him under the provisions of this Chapter."

WHEREAS, pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 93-3, "It shall be unlawful for any person who has not received a certificate of qualification or not been granted a practice privilege under GS 93-10 admitting the person to practice as a certified public accountant to assume or use such a title, or to use any words, letters, abbreviations, symbols or other means of identification to indicate that the person using same has been admitted to practice as a certified public accountant."

WHEREAS, pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 93-6, "It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the public practice of accountancy in this State who is not a holder of a certificate as a certified public accountant issued by the Board, unless such person uses the term 'accountant' and only the term 'accountant' in connection with his name on all reports, letters of transmittal, or advice, and on all stationery and documents used in connection with his services as an accountant, and refrains from the use in any manner of any other title or designation in such practice."

WHEREAS, Respondent John Stepowoy, Jr. (hereinafter "Respondent Stepowoy") is not now, nor ever has been, licensed as a certified public accountant in North Carolina or otherwise authorized by the Board to use the CPA title in this state, but his principal place of business is in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Respondent Stepowoy, in October 2012, applied for and was denied a reciprocal license by the Board. Respondent Stepowoy's application for a reciprocal license was denied due to the fact that he did not take the Uniform CPA Examination and does not qualify for licensure in North Carolina pursuant to NCGS 93-12(5) and (6) and 21 NCAC 08H .0101 NC BOARD

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WHEREAS, Respondent Stepowoy identified himself to be a CPA in the State of North Carolina in his Preparer Tax Identification Number registration with the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"), thereby indicating that he prepared tax returns as a CPA in the state of North Carolina in contravention of N. C. Gen. Stat. § 93-3 and § 93-6.

THEREFORE, Respondent Stepowoy and the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners hereby agree that Respondent Stepowoy shall immediately cease and desist from using in any manner the title "CPA" or "Certified Public Accountant" in North Carolina unless and until licensed as a CPA by the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners.

North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners

BY: Robert N. Brooks DATE: 02/25/2015
Robert N. Brooks
Executive Director

In lieu of civil proceedings authorized by N. C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(16), the Board will accept Respondent's consent to this Agreement.

Consented to: John Stepowoy Jr. DATE: 3-9-15 ^(P) 4-10-2015
BY: John Stepowoy Jr.
North Carolina State Buncombe County

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this day by John Stepowoy Jr.
[I have personal knowledge of the identity of the principal(s)] [I have seen satisfactory evidence of the principal's identity, by a current state or federal identification with the principal's photograph in the form of a North Carolina Drivers lic.] [a credible witness has sworn to the identity of the principals Heather Hughes]



Susanne Cooper
Notary Public Signature
Susanne Cooper
Notary Public Printed Name
4-10-2015
Date

12-9-2017
My Commission Expires

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**THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC
ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS**

IN THE MATTER OF:
Michael James Schierbeek
Respondent File #C2015031

NOTICE OF APPARENT VIOLATION &
AGREEMENT TO CEASE AND DESIST

TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT:

WHEREAS, the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners ("Board") is authorized by N. C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12 (16) to enforce the provisions of the North Carolina Certified Public Accountant Act ("Act") through actions for injunctive relief regarding "a single violation" of this Chapter; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 93-1, "A 'certified public accountant' is a person who holds a certificate as a certified public accountant issued to him under the provisions of this Chapter."

WHEREAS, pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 93-3, "It shall be unlawful for any person who has not received a certificate of qualification or not been granted a practice privilege under GS 93-10 admitting the person to practice as a certified public accountant to assume or use such a title, or to use any words, letters, abbreviations, symbols or other means of identification to indicate that the person using same has been admitted to practice as a certified public accountant."

WHEREAS, pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 93-6, "It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the public practice of accountancy in this State who is not a holder of a certificate as a certified public accountant issued by the Board, unless such person uses the term 'accountant' and only the term 'accountant' in connection with his name on all reports, letters of transmittal, or advice, and on all stationery and documents used in connection with his services as an accountant, and refrains from the use in any manner of any other title or designation in such practice."

WHEREAS, Respondent Michael James Schierbeek (hereinafter "Respondent Schierbeek") is not actively licensed as a certified public accountant in North Carolina or otherwise authorized by the Board to use the CPA title in this state, but his principal place of business is in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Respondent Schierbeek, in April of 2013, was granted "inactive" status for his North Carolina CPA license. Per that application, he agreed, "I certify under oath that I will not identify myself as a CPA to any person in any manner ... as long as I remain on inactive status."

WHEREAS, Respondent Schierbeek, while on inactive status, identified himself to be a CPA in the State of North Carolina in his Preparer Tax Identification Number registration with

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the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"), thereby indicating that he prepared tax returns as a CPA in the state of North Carolina in contravention of N. C. Gen. Stat. § 93-3 and § 93-6.

THEREFORE, Respondent Schierbeek and the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners hereby agree that Respondent Schierbeek shall immediately cease and desist from using in any manner the title "CPA" or "Certified Public Accountant" in North Carolina unless and until licensed as a CPA by the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners.

North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners

BY: Robert N. Brooks DATE: 02/25/2015
Robert N. Brooks
Executive Director

In lieu of civil proceedings authorized by N. C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(16), the Board will accept Respondent's consent to this Agreement.

Consented to:
BY: Michael James Schierbeek DATE: 3/13/15
Michael James Schierbeek
NC State WAKE County

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this day by MICHAEL JAMES SCHIERBEEK
[I have personal knowledge of the identity of the principal(s)] [I have seen satisfactory evidence of the principal's identity, by a current state or federal identification with the principal's photograph in the form of a Driver's License] [a credible witness has sworn to the identity of the principals Michael James Schierbeek.]



Katherine Marvin
Notary Public Signature
Katherine Marvin
Notary Public Printed Name
3-13-2015
Date

10-05-2015
My Commission Expires

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THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC
ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:

Edmund John Placzkowski

Respondent, File #UT2015026

NOTICE OF APPARENT VIOLATION &
AGREEMENT TO CEASE AND DESIST

TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT:

WHEREAS, the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners ("Board") is authorized by N. C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12 (16) to enforce the provisions of the North Carolina Certified Public Accountant Act ("Act") through actions for injunctive relief regarding "a single violation" of this Chapter; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 93-1, "A 'certified public accountant' is a person who holds a certificate as a certified public accountant issued to him under the provisions of this Chapter."

WHEREAS, pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 93-3, "It shall be unlawful for any person who has not received a certificate of qualification or not been granted a practice privilege under N.C.G.S. §93-10 admitting the person to practice as a certified public accountant to assume or use such a title, or to use any words, letters, abbreviations, symbols or other means of identification to indicate that the person using same has been admitted to practice as a certified public accountant."

WHEREAS, pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 93-6, "It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the public practice of accountancy in this State who is not a holder of a certificate as a certified public accountant issued by the Board, unless such person uses the term 'accountant' and only the term 'accountant' in connection with his name on all reports, letters of transmittal, or advice, and on all stationery and documents used in connection with his services as an accountant, and refrains from the use in any manner of any other title or designation in such practice."

WHEREAS, Respondent Edmund John Placzkowski (hereinafter "Respondent") is not actively licensed as a certified public accountant in North Carolina or otherwise authorized by the Board to use the CPA title in this state, but his principal place of business is in North Carolina.

WHEREAS, Respondent identified himself as a CPA to the IRS in order to obtain or maintain a PTIN registration.

WHEREAS, Respondent has identified himself as a CPA on LinkedIn and on the website for EJP Financial Solutions, LLC.

WHEREAS, Respondent submitted an application for a reciprocal North Carolina certificate, but failed to properly register the firm EJP Financial Solutions, LLC, as a CPA firm in

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North Carolina and was never issued a temporary permit or certificate in North Carolina, but has continued to provide services through EJP Financial Solutions, LLC, giving the impression that he is licensed as a CPA in North Carolina.

WHEREAS, Respondent has utilized the PTIN to provide tax services to clients while having a principal place of business in the State of North Carolina.

WHEREAS, the aforementioned facts constitute apparent violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 93-3 and 93-6.

THEREFORE, Respondent and the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners hereby agree that Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from offering or using in any manner the title "CPA" or "Certified Public Accountant" in North Carolina unless and until licensed as a CPA by the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners.

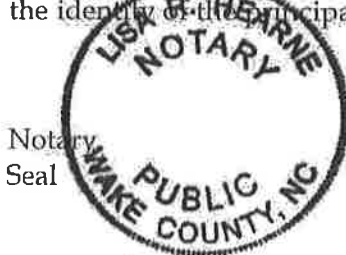
North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners

BY: Robert N. Brooks DATE: 02/25, 2015
Robert N. Brooks
Executive Director

In lieu of civil proceedings authorized by N. C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(16), the Board will accept Respondent's consent to this Agreement.

Consented to:
BY: Edmund John Placzkowski DATE: 5/4/2015
Edmund John Placzkowski
NORTH CAROLINA State
WAKE County

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this day by EDMUND JOHN PLACZKOWSKI
[I have personal knowledge of the identity of the principal(s)] [I have seen satisfactory evidence of the principal's identity, by a current state or federal identification with the principal's photograph in the form of a NCID 20162045] [a credible witness has sworn to the identity of the principal(s)]



Notary
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Lisa R. Hearne
Notary Public Signature

LISA R HEARNE
Notary Public Printed Name

05/04/2015
Date

Date

02/07/2016
My Commission Expires

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WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS
CASE #s: C2013162 and C2013184

IN THE MATTER OF:
Debra Hill Bedford, #30362
Respondent

BOARD ORDER

THIS CAUSE coming before the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners (the "Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, at public hearing ("Hearing"), with a quorum present, the Board finds, based on the evidence presented at the Hearing on May 21, 2015, that:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent, Debra Hill Bedford, is the holder of a certificate as a Certified Public Accountant in North Carolina.
2. The Board has jurisdiction over Respondent and the subject matter of this action.
3. Respondent received at least fifteen (15) days written notice of the Hearing. The notice was achieved by serving a Notice of Hearing via process server.
4. Venue is proper and the Hearing was properly held at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, North Carolina.
5. Respondent did not object to any Board Member's participation in the Hearing of this matter.
6. Respondent was not present at the Hearing and was not represented by counsel. Respondent's failure to attend the hearing or otherwise respond to the Notice of Hearing is an aggravating factor.
7. Respondent had a registered CPA firm, Debra Hill Bedford, CPA, P.A. She failed to timely renew that firm's registration for the 2013 calendar year. Respondent Bedford was responsible for her firm's renewals.

8. Despite several attempts by the Board's staff, Respondent, for a period in excess of 120 days, failed to renew her firm's registration, cancel her firm's registration, or otherwise communicate with the Board staff. All attempts to communicate with Respondent were via mail and email addresses that were provided to the Board by the Respondent.
9. Based upon Respondent's failure to comply with the firm registration requirements and her failure to communicate with the Board staff, the staff initiated a disciplinary investigation against her.
10. A second disciplinary investigation was initiated following a complaint filed by one of Respondent's clients alleging that Respondent had failed to return client records. Respondent never provided evidence that she had provided those records to the client, either before or after the complaint was initiated.
11. During the course of both investigations, Respondent was repeatedly untimely with her responses or non-responsive to the Board's inquiries.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-42, this Board Order constitutes a Final Agency Decision of the Board.
2. Respondent is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 8 of the North Carolina Administrative Code. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9), the Board has the authority to impose discipline upon the Respondent and Respondent's certificate and to impose civil monetary penalties.
3. Respondent's failure, for a period in excess of 120 days, to communicate with the Board staff in order to comply with the Board's firm registration requirements constitutes a willful violation of the Board's firm registration requirements at 21 NCAC 08J .0108 and is a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0213.
4. Respondent's failure to provide client records in her possession to a client following a demand for their return is a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0305.

5. Respondent's repeated failure to respond to Board correspondence within 21 days, if at all, constitutes a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0206.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, the Board orders in a vote of 7 to 0 that:

1. The Certified Public Accountant certificate issued to Respondent, Debra Hill Bedford, is hereby permanently revoked.
2. Respondent Debra Hill Bedford shall not offer or render services as a CPA or otherwise trade upon or use the CPA title in this state either through CPA mobility provisions or substantial equivalency practice privileges or in any other manner, nor shall Respondent claim or attempt to use any practice privileges in any other state based upon her revoked North Carolina certificate.

This the 21st day of May, 2015.



NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED
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BY: [Signature]
Vice-President